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25X1 17. [REDACTED] Met with Clark McFadden, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and then with Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, concerning the Director's letters to Senators Abourezk and Fulbright on Abourezk's amendments to S. 3394 (Foreign Assistance Act) explaining our contacts up to now and the precedents for the thrust of the Director's letter to Abourezk in the conference report in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1973. I left copies of the material with them and with McFadden a suggested statement for possible use on the floor. I urged McFadden to bring these matters to Ed Braswell's (Committee Chief Counsel) attention since I was aware that he was looking into the amendments for Senator Stennis.

25X1 18. [REDACTED] Spoke with George Gilbert, OMB, concerning the Director's letters to Senators Abourezk and Fulbright on the Abourezk amendments to S. 3394 (Foreign Assistance Act).

25X1 19. [REDACTED] Called Michael Dolan, who had been suggested by George Gilbert, OMB, as the appropriate contact at Justice Department, on the Director's letter to Senator Abourezk on his amendments to S. 3394 (Foreign Assistance Act). Dolan said he had no problems and he will check with the FBI, the Law Enforcement Administration, and DEA and will let us know if they have any problems. I also alerted Dolan to Abourezk's new amendment concerning covert action and read him the language.

25X1 20. [REDACTED] Placed a call to Bud McFarlane, NSC, to advise him of the Director's letter to Senator Fulbright on Senator Abourezk's anti-covert action amendment and left a message for him to call back.

25X1 21. [REDACTED] Jim McDonald, Office of Operations, State Department, called in response to my inquiry as to whether State would seek a retroactive provision for H.R. 7135, which raises the ceiling for damage claims against the Government to \$15,000, and which recently passed the House. If retroactive to 1 January 1974, the bill would help compensate U. S. personnel for serious losses during the recent Cyprus conflict. McDonald said that as far as he can tell, State people did not suffer heavy losses. [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 [REDACTED] He did not feel that State would seek a retroactive provision. [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] he will determine the extent of losses [REDACTED]

25X1 [REDACTED] H.R. 7135 is now before the Senate Judiciary Committee and if we make a good case they might make it retroactive.

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25X1 22. [REDACTED] Sydney Olson in the office of Representative John H. Rousselot (R., Calif.) called to request assistance in replying to a constituent who expressed concern that the Agency was sponsoring legislation that would "prevent anyone from talking about CIA." She will send the letter to us for the preparation of a suggested reply.

25X1 23. [REDACTED] Jim Kronfeld, Staff Counsel, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, called me at home and informed me that H.R. 16373, which grants individuals right of access to Government records maintained concerning them, was reported out of the full Committee late in the day. Although Chairman Chet Holifield (D., Calif.) and the Committee staff strongly supported the Agency's request for a revision of its exemption in order that the Agency not be required to follow the rule-making procedures under section 553 of Title 5, U.S.C., they were not able to bring up our amendment as no amendments were accepted after Representative Bella S. Abzug (D., N. Y.) was defeated on all of her amendments. He felt that we could handle our problem by a floor amendment, which one of our oversight people could introduce. He offered to work closely with me on the amendment and the necessary colloquy. Kronfeld regretted that the Agency had not been given sufficient time to comment on the final draft of the Subcommittee bill, as it was his understanding that OMB had coordinated with the Agency. I explained that they had not, and expressed our appreciation for his consideration and sincere interest to protect the Agency.

Kronfeld also advised me that the Senate staff conferees had made a slight change to the legislative history language covering Intelligence Sources and Methods, Comint, and Restricted Data in the draft conference report on H.R. 12471, which amends the Freedom of Information Act. He did not, however, consider the change substantive. 25X1

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